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At Juniata College

CIA Veteran Will Lecture

Worldwide CIA operations, current developments in Central America and parallels between Vietnam and El Salvador will be the focus of attention at Juniata College Sunday, Oct. 23 as former CIA official Ralph McGehee speaks on campus.

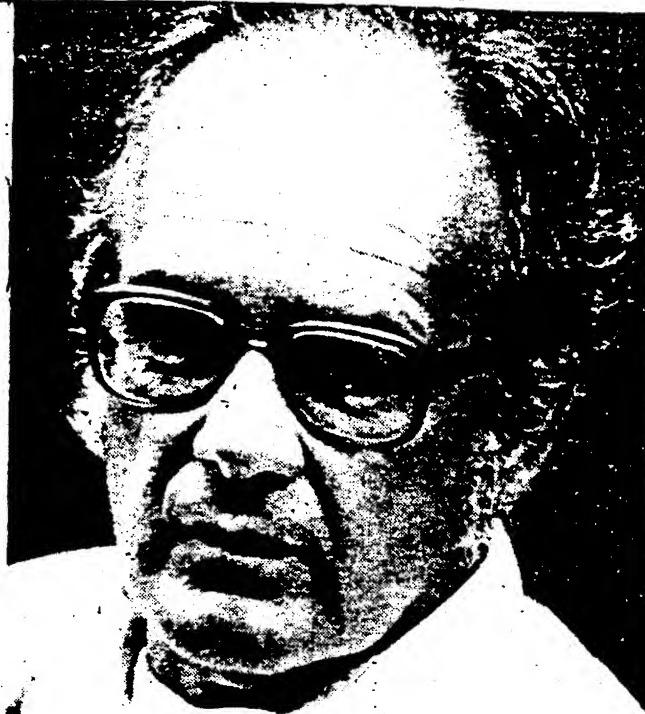
McGehee's 8:15 p.m. lecture in Alumni Hall, Brumbaugh Science Center, will be an autobiographical journey through his 25 years in the Central Intelligence Agency, where he worked in many different places including Japan, Thailand, Vietnam and CIA headquarters in Langley, Va. During those 25 years, McGehee worked as a case officer on covert operations, paramilitary specialist, liaison officer with foreign police and intelligence agencies, and an intelligence analyst.

The author of the book "Deadly Deceits," which outlines CIA blunders in Iran, Vietnam and the Bay of Pigs, McGehee's growing disillusionment began to surface when he began to see deficiencies within the CIA. In his last four years at the agency, McGehee had access to most all information about CIA worldwide intelligence

operations. Through these experiences and subsequent research, he contends that the CIA is primarily the covert action arm of the Presidency. He discusses how the CIA shapes its intelligence, even in such critical areas as Soviet nuclear capability, to support Presidential policy.

In his lecture, McGehee will go on to explain the specifics of the agency's deceptions and operations that dragged America into and kept the nation in the Vietnam War. He presents details of the CBS - Westmoreland dispute over the rigging of intelligence estimates, and claims through the use of the Pentagon Papers, that the CIA from 1954 until 1975 deliberately, and grossly underestimated the motivation and size of the enemy.

McGehee's Oct. 23 lecture, sponsored by the Ellis College Center Board, is open to the public at no charge.



Ralph McGehee

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